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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, : CRIMINAL ACTION CR-1-02-054  
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 Plaintiff, : Cincinnati, Ohio  
 : September 6, 2002  
 -VS- :  
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 WALTER PUGH, JR, and : Testimony of  
 TYREESE PUGH, : Shanell Holston  
 :  
 Defendants. :

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EXCERPT OF PROCEEDINGS  
 BEFORE THE HONORABLE SUSAN J. DLOTT, JUDGE,  
 AND JURY

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MS. CROSS: The United States calls Shanell  
Holston.

(Witness sworn by the courtroom deputy.)

THE COURT: You may proceed, Ms. Cross.

MS. CROSS: Thank you, Your Honor.

SHANELL HOLSTON

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BY MS. CROSS:

Q. Good morning, ma'am.

A. Hi.

Q. Will you please tell the ladies and gentlemen of the  
jury what your name is and spell your last name?

A. Shanell Holston, H-o-l-s-t-o-n.

Q. And in what area do you live?

A. Hamilton.

Q. How old are you?

A. Twenty-four.

Q. What is your marital status?

A. Single.

Q. Do you have any children?

A. One.

Q. Is that a boy or girl?

A. She's a girl.

Q. What's her name?

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1 A. Leandria.

2 Q. Ms. Holston, where were you born and raised?

3 A. Hamilton, Ohio.

4 Q. And what is your educational background?

5 A. I got my GED, but right now --

6 Q. When did you get your GED?

7 A. 2000.

8 Q. Okay. And currently are you in school?

9 A. Yes, I am. I'm going to cosmetology school, Moeller.

10 Q. Are you also employed, or do you go to school?

11 A. No. I just go to school.

12 Q. Ms. Holston, you're here pursuant to a federal  
13 subpoena; is that correct?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Have you ever testified in court before?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Ms. Holston, you're familiar with the criminal justice  
18 system, correct?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Tell the ladies and gentlemen of the jury how you're  
21 familiar.

22 A. I myself been locked up. I have done prison time.

23 Q. For what?

24 A. Forgery, robbery, misdemeanor credit card use, all  
25 like that.

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1 Q. When did you get out of prison?

2 A. It was December of '99.

3 Q. And have you been in any trouble since December of  
4 '99?

5 A. No. Actually, I've been in school, trying to finish  
6 school since then.

7 Q. Do you know Walter Pugh?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And do you know the person that you know as Walter  
10 Pugh, do you see him in the courtroom today?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Will you please identify him for the record by where  
13 he's sitting and what he's wearing?

14 A. He wearing a tan outfit on the end.

15 MS. CROSS: Your Honor, may the record reflect  
16 she's identified the defendant Walter Pugh?

17 THE COURT: Any objection?

18 MR. FELSON: No objection.

19 MR. ANDREWS: No objection.

20 THE COURT: The record will reflect the witness  
21 has identified the defendant Walter Pugh.

22 BY MS. CROSS:

23 Q. Did you know Tyreese Pugh?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Do you see him in the courtroom today?

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1 A. He's sitting next to his dad.

2 MS. CROSS: Your Honor, may the record reflect  
3 that Ms. Holston has identified the defendant Tyreese Pugh?

4 THE COURT: Are you talking about the gentleman  
5 with the lighter suit?

6 THE WITNESS: Yes, in the middle.

7 THE COURT: Okay. Any objection?

8 MR. FELSON: No.

9 THE COURT: The record will so reflect.

10 BY MS. CROSS:

11 Q. Ms. Holston, tell the ladies and gentlemen how it is  
12 you know Walter Pugh.

13 A. We lived together from August, 2000 and March, 2002.

14 Q. Where did you live together?

15 A. We resided in one of my father's homes.

16 Q. Where is that?

17 A. At 433 Knightsbridge Drive.

18 Q. Is that in Hamilton?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And is Walter Pugh the father of your child?

21 A. No.

22 Q. How is it that you know the defendant Tyreese Pugh?

23 A. Actually, I just met Tyreese when he came home this  
24 year.

25 Q. Okay. And has he ever lived at the residence at

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1 Knightsbridge?

2 A. No.

3 Q. How long did you and Walter live together?

4 A. From the period of August, 2000, to March, 2002.

5 Q. To your knowledge, does Walter smoke?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Does he smoke cigarettes?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. What kind?

10 A. Newports.

11 Q. Does he smoke any other type of cigarette?

12 A. Black & Mild cigars.

13 Q. Do you smoke Black & Mild cigars?

14 A. Every now and then. Not -- no, not often as I smoke  
15 cigarettes. I smoke cigarettes more often than I smoke  
16 Black & Milds.

17 Q. To your knowledge, does Walter Pugh know how to drive?

18 A. Yes, he can drive.

19 Q. Does he have a car?

20 A. Does he what?

21 Q. Have a car?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. What type of car does he have?

24 A. We had two cars.

25 Q. And will you describe them for the ladies and

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1 gentlemen of the jury?

2 A. We had a black 2000 Mazda Protege and a '89 Cadillac  
3 Sedan DeVille.

4 Q. While you were dating the defendant Walter Pugh, did  
5 you know him to have a job?

6 A. No -- yes, pretty much the whole time we were  
7 together.

8 Q. Where did he work?

9 A. He had a couple jobs, C&K Industrial Center in  
10 Fairfield and Technicrete Corporation, concrete company.

11 Q. Is that in Fairfield as well?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Did you pay bills together when you lived together?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. How often did Walter get paid?

16 A. Weekly.

17 Q. Do you know how much he was paid?

18 A. Sometimes. Not -- I mean, no. A little bit, yes, I  
19 did.

20 Q. Okay. Let me ask it this way.

21 A. Because it was a different amount, it wasn't the same  
22 all the time. It was in the range of maybe \$700, or maybe  
23 at one job he would get -- at C&K he was making a range.  
24 In a two-week period, it was \$1100 for the two weeks. And  
25 then at Technicrete it might have been like \$700; it might

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1 have been \$500. It depends on how often he worked.

2 Q. If he worked every day, would that be pretty much how  
3 much he would make?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. So, if he worked less, he would bring home less?

6 A. Yes. At his Technicrete job, they only worked certain  
7 days they was needed, like they was going out of town  
8 working. So it depend on whenever they needed to go.

9 Q. Depended on the job?

10 A. Yeah, depended on the job.

11 Q. So he didn't work every day?

12 A. No, not all the time.

13 Q. How long have you known the defendant Tyreese Pugh?

14 A. I just met him when he got out of prison this year.

15 Q. Okay.

16 MR. ANDREWS: Objection. I'll withdraw that.

17 Q. How would you describe your relationship with Tyreese  
18 Pugh?

19 A. He was -- we didn't have any problems. He was all  
20 right.

21 Q. That was your boyfriend's son?

22 A. Son.

23 Q. Okay. How often would you see Tyreese during the time  
24 you were dating Walter in any given week?

25 A. Often. Almost every day.



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1 Q. Where would you see him?

2 A. Sometimes he came over to the house, or, if we was  
3 at -- if I was outside in the street, I would see him  
4 outside.

5 Q. Were there ever any times where you and Walter would  
6 spend time with Tyreese at your house?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And would you describe generally those occasions where  
9 you all would spend time together?

10 A. Like?

11 Q. Would you play cards? Would you watch TV?

12 A. No, no card playing. We'd sit down and maybe try to  
13 watch TV.

14 Q. Okay. And did you know Tyreese to date anyone?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Who was he dating?

17 A. Stephanie.

18 Q. Luster?

19 A. Yeah.

20 Q. To your knowledge, was he dating Stephanie the whole  
21 time you knew him?

22 A. For the most part, yeah. That's basically the person  
23 I known him to be with.

24 Q. Is that the person you'd see him with?

25 A. Um-hum.

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1 Q. Ms. Holston, turning your attention to a day in April,  
2 2002, in fact, April 24, 2002, do you remember that day?

3 A. Not really. Only thing -- I was in school, and then I  
4 got a call and heard what happened. Actually, I was  
5 starting a new job that day. I went to the new job like at  
6 five o'clock in the evening after everything had already  
7 happened at the job, but I was just -- it bothered me the  
8 whole day, because I was just hearing what was going on,  
9 but I didn't hear --

10 Q. Tell the ladies and gentlemen of the jury what you  
11 learned.

12 MR. FELSON: Objection.

13 MR. ANDREWS: Objection.

14 THE COURT: Basis?

15 MR. ANDREWS: Hearsay. What I heard. When I  
16 heard what was going on, Your Honor.

17 THE COURT: Are you asking her what she heard  
18 from others?

19 MS. CROSS: Basically, Your Honor. I'll rephrase  
20 it, Your Honor.

21 THE COURT: All right.

22 BY MS. CROSS:

23 Q. Okay. We're talking about a day in April, 2002, and  
24 you said you were starting a new job that day.

25 A. That was in the evening time, because during the day I

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1 go to school from 9 to 3, 3:30, 4 o'clock. It depends.

2 Q. Okay. And you said you received a call?

3 A. Yeah.

4 Q. Did that call cause you to do anything?

5 A. Like what?

6 Q. That's what I'm asking. When you received this call,  
7 whatever call it was that you received --

8 A. Um-hum.

9 Q. -- did it then cause you to do anything?

10 A. Not -- not anything drastic. Just my mind was  
11 boggled, put it like that, in a daze. I was in a daze.

12 Q. Did it cause you then to feel some type of emotion?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. What did you feel?

15 A. For him.

16 Q. I'm sorry?

17 A. For Walter.

18 MR. ANDREWS: Objection. Your Honor, I --  
19 candidly, I'm not following this testimony. You got a  
20 call. You feel something. What --

21 THE COURT: Wait. Just let me have a short  
22 objection, if I may.

23 MR. ANDREWS: And the short objection is I don't  
24 see the relevance of getting a call and feeling something.

25 THE COURT: I understand. You're saying

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1 irrelevant.

2 MR. ANDREWS: Right.

3 THE COURT: Overruled.

4 BY MS. CROSS:

5 Q. You said you received a call April 24th. It caused  
6 you to feel for the defendant Walter Pugh; is that right?

7 A. Um-hum, basically, I guess, yes.

8 Q. Did you see Walter that day that you received this  
9 call?

10 A. No.

11 Q. And you lived together?

12 A. No, not at the time. We separated in March.

13 Q. Okay. So you lived together until March, 2002?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Okay. And you didn't -- you received this call, and  
16 you didn't see Walter that day?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Okay. This call that you received that made you feel  
19 for Walter, what did you feel?

20 A. What has he done? Why?

21 MR. ANDREWS: Objection.

22 THE COURT: There is no foundation for that. I'm  
23 going to sustain the objection.

24 MR. ANDREWS: And motion to strike, Your Honor.

25 THE COURT: Yes. Ladies and gentlemen of the

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1 jury, I'm going to ask you to disregard the last answer.

2 BY MS. CROSS:

3 Q. Did this call cause you to do anything?

4 A. I don't understand what you mean by "do anything." Do  
5 anything like what? No. I mean, I had to go on. There  
6 was nothing I could do. We hadn't been living together.  
7 All I could do was worry about him, basically. That's what  
8 I'm saying. All I could do was worry about him and why  
9 he --

10 MR. ANDREWS: Objection, Your Honor.

11 THE COURT: Overruled.

12 BY MS. CROSS:

13 Q. Did you express your worry to anybody?

14 A. At the time, no.

15 Q. At any point later?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Who? Tell the ladies and gentlemen who.

18 A. What do you mean "who"?

19 Q. You said, Ms. Holston, that you felt worry for the  
20 defendant?

21 A. Yes, um-hum.

22 Q. And I'm asking you, did you share your concern and  
23 your worry with anybody?

24 A. I don't understand what you mean, did I share it with  
25 anybody. These are my feelings.

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1 Q. I understand. Please listen to my question. I'm  
2 maybe not asking it very well, but what I'm trying to ask  
3 you is: Did you call anyone and tell anyone about the call  
4 that you had received and how you were feeling about the  
5 call?

6 A. What is April 24th?

7 Q. I'm asking you. Do you remember that day?

8 A. Yes, I remember, but I don't know what day April 24th  
9 was. The day he came back?

10 Q. Why don't we just calm down for one second, because I  
11 think my questions are agitating you.

12 A. Yes, they are.

13 Q. And I don't mean to do that.

14 THE COURT: Do you want to take a break?

15 MR. WALTER PUGH: Yes.

16 MS. CROSS: Yes, Your Honor.

17 THE COURT: Let's take a ten-minute break.

18 (Jury excused from the courtroom at 9:20 a.m.)

19 AFTER RECESS

20 THE COURT: For the record, let me advise you  
21 that, on reflection, I think I incorrectly sustained the  
22 defense's objection when you asked her about her feelings,  
23 because I hadn't heard the testimony that she had gotten a  
24 telephone call. So, if you want to go back into that area,  
25 I'll permit it.

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1 MS. CROSS: I'm going to try to ask better  
2 questions this time. Thank you, Your Honor.

3 MR. ANDREWS: And, for the record, note that we  
4 will continue to object.

5 THE COURT: I know. I know. Your objection is  
6 preserved. I'm proud of you.

7 MR. ANDREWS: Thank you, Your Honor.

8 THE COURT: Do you want to get started?

9 MS. CROSS: Yes, Your Honor.

10 (Jury present.)

11 THE COURT: You may proceed, Ms. Cross.

12 MS. CROSS: Thank you, Your Honor.

13 BY MS. CROSS:

14 Q. Ms. Holston, upon reflection, I realized some of my  
15 questions may have been confusing, so I'm going to try to  
16 ask better questions. Okay? We're talking about April,  
17 2002.

18 A. Um-hum.

19 Q. Do you remember a call that you received?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And based upon that call, I believe you said that you  
22 felt something for Walter?

23 A. Um-hum.

24 Q. Remember that? How did you feel?

25 A. Okay. If you're talking April 24th, the night he

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1 came -- the day, if it's the day he came back, okay.

2 Q. I'm just asking how did you feel when you received the  
3 call that made you feel bad for Walter?

4 A. Because --

5 MR. ANDREWS: Objection, just for the record. I  
6 understand.

7 THE COURT: Objection noted. Overruled.

8 BY MS. CROSS:

9 Q. Ms. Holston, do you remember talking with Bessie Pugh?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And did you call her or she call you?

12 A. I called her.

13 Q. Why did you call Bessie Pugh?

14 A. Because I had seen the newspaper. Somebody told me to  
15 get the newspaper and look at the newspaper.

16 Q. And what did you read in the newspaper?

17 A. About --

18 MR. ANDREWS: Objection.

19 THE COURT: Basis?

20 MR. ANDREWS: What she read in the newspaper,  
21 it's hearsay, Your Honor, and, as far as I know, doesn't  
22 fall in any exception.

23 MS. CROSS: Your Honor, I'm not asking it for  
24 whether or not it's true what was in the newspaper but her  
25 impression and what she related thereafter.



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1 THE COURT: Right. Overruled. You may answer.

2 THE WITNESS: Say the question again, please.

3 BY MS. CROSS:

4 Q. You said someone told you to get the newspaper.

5 A. Um-hum.

6 Q. You picked up the newspaper.

7 A. I read the newspaper, and I called Bessie.

8 Q. And what did you talk to Bessie about?

9 A. I first asked her if she had her car.

10 Q. You asked Bessie if she had her car?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Why?

13 A. Because I knew that her brother had her car, because  
14 he had switched cars with her, and she was driving the car  
15 that we have, the Cadillac that we have. She was driving  
16 that.

17 Q. And why did you want to know about where her car was?

18 A. Because I hadn't heard from Junior at all within the  
19 last couple of days.

20 Q. Was it typical?

21 THE COURT: You hadn't heard from whom?

22 THE WITNESS: Walter.

23 BY THE COURT:

24 Q. When you say "Junior," you're talking about the  
25 defendant Walter Pugh?

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1 A. Sorry. Yes.

2 Q. And after reading this newspaper, you called Bessie  
3 about her car; you wanted to know where her car was, right?

4 A. And she said that she had her car, and I told her that  
5 she needed to look at the newspaper, because I believed to  
6 be her car in the newspaper and believed that the people  
7 that they were looking for were her brother.

8 Q. Okay. And to your knowledge, did Bessie take care of  
9 it?

10 A. Yes. She told me -- she said thanks for calling and  
11 she was going to call the police right then and there.

12 Q. Now, that day that you called Bessie after you read  
13 the newspaper, had you seen the defendant Walter Pugh?

14 A. I haven't seen him, haven't heard from him or nothing.

15 Q. Was that unusual, or was that typical?

16 A. That was very unusual.

17 Q. Why was it unusual?

18 A. Even though we were separated, he was still coming  
19 around.

20 Q. How often?

21 A. Sometimes I would come home, if I was out, he would be  
22 in the house when I came in.

23 Q. After you spoke with Bessie about her car and related  
24 to her what you believed --

25 A. Um-hum.

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1 Q. -- when was the next time you spoke with the defendant  
2 Walter Pugh?

3 A. The night before he came back.

4 Q. And tell the ladies and gentlemen of the jury how  
5 long, what time period that was. You spoke with Bessie  
6 about her car, and then the next time you talked with him  
7 was how long in between?

8 A. A week.

9 Q. Now, when you talked with him, did you talk to him in  
10 person?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Tell the ladies and gentlemen of the jury how you  
13 talked to him.

14 A. What happened was, the night before, he called me a  
15 few times, tried to get me to rent a car and come down  
16 there.

17 Q. Come where?

18 A. To where he was at.

19 Q. Where was he?

20 A. In Atlanta.

21 Q. Did he tell you why he wanted you to come to Atlanta?

22 A. No, not specifically.

23 Q. What was your understanding as to why?

24 A. I knew what he had done.

25 Q. What was your understanding as to what he had done?

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1 MR. FELSON: Objection.

2 MR. ANDREWS: Objection.

3 MS. CROSS: I'm asking her her understanding and  
4 her impression.

5 A. The newspaper, the car switching back --

6 THE COURT: Hang on one second. Overruled.

7 You may answer.

8 A. Okay. The newspaper, the car switching back all of a  
9 sudden after she's already had the car for a while, she's  
10 had our car and he's had her car, not seeing him.

11 Q. And you believe that he had done what?

12 A. Robbed the bank.

13 Q. Now, you stated that you received a call?

14 A. I received a few calls from him that night in the  
15 middle of the night.

16 Q. And tell the ladies and gentlemen of the jury the gist  
17 of those calls. What did you two talk about?

18 A. First few times he called, he tried to get me, like I  
19 said, to rent a car to come down there. But I couldn't  
20 rent no car, and I couldn't go down there.

21 Q. Why not?

22 A. Well, I have a daughter, first of all. She's in  
23 school. So he knows every morning that I have to get up  
24 and get her to school, put her on the bus and stuff like  
25 that. And then I didn't have any money to go down there.

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1 Q. When he said that he -- when the defendant Walter Pugh  
2 said that he was in Atlanta, did you believe him?

3 A. He didn't actually tell me he was in Atlanta. It's on  
4 my caller ID.

5 Q. What was on your caller ID?

6 A. Atlanta, Georgia.

7 Q. Do you know the area code?

8 A. 404.

9 Q. So you received this call a week later after you read  
10 the newspaper and talked with Bessie?

11 A. Um-hum.

12 Q. You talked with the defendant on the telephone?

13 A. Um-hum.

14 Q. So you obviously had phone service, correct?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Okay. When was the next time after these calls in the  
17 middle of the night with the defendant did you see or talk  
18 to him?

19 A. At approximately 8-something the next morning, I got a  
20 call from my father stating that --

21 MR. ANDREWS: Objection.

22 THE COURT: Sustained.

23 BY MS. CROSS:

24 Q. So you talked in the middle of the night with the  
25 defendant. So when is the next time you actually see or

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1 talk to him?

2 A. I got a call from him from Hamilton stating to meet  
3 him somewhere.

4 Q. When was this?

5 A. The next morning after he called me the night before.

6 Q. And where did the defendant Walter Pugh tell you to  
7 meet him?

8 A. At first, it was in the back of the police station on  
9 Front Street.

10 Q. Did you go there?

11 A. I went back towards that way, but he was pulling out  
12 of an apartment complex on Front Street, and I just pulled  
13 behind him and followed him.

14 Q. Is all this in Hamilton?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. What car was we driving at the time?

17 A. The Cadillac we have.

18 MR. FELSON: I'm sorry?

19 A. '89 Cadillac.

20 Q. So you pulled behind him. Where do you two drive to?

21 A. Straight down Front Street.

22 Q. To where?

23 A. Beckett.

24 Q. What happened at Beckett Street?

25 A. They opened the car doors and jumped in my car, parked

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1 the car, parked the Cadillac, and jumped in my car.

2 Q. When you say "they," who are you talking about?

3 A. Tyreese, Stephanie and Walter.

4 Q. Approximately what time was this, do you recall?

5 A. It was in the morning. I guess 9-ish, in between  
6 8:30, 9-something.

7 Q. And what, if anything, did they have with them?

8 A. I guess they had traveling bags, garbage bags, boxes,  
9 clothes.

10 Q. Clothes?

11 A. Clothes.

12 Q. Anything else?

13 A. Guns.

14 Q. What was your understanding as to where you were to  
15 take them or where you were supposed to go?

16 A. Didn't know.

17 Q. Where did you take them?

18 A. Actually, we drove around the streets for a while, for  
19 a second, not long, maybe 15, 10 or 15 minutes or so. And  
20 then they found somebody I guess that was acquainted with  
21 Butter -- excuse me -- Tyreese.

22 Q. You know him as Butter?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Okay. And what happened when you all met up with this  
25 person?

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1 A. They -- oh, God. I don't recall everything that day.  
2 But I know they got with him, and he more or less found  
3 somewhere for them to go.

4 Q. And this place that was found for them to go, did you  
5 take them there?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Where was it?

8 A. Off of Hamilton Avenue, Hamilton Avenue and John Gray  
9 area, Fairfield or Springfield or something like that.

10 Q. Could it have been Mt. Healthy?

11 A. Yes, that was the area, off of Hamilton Avenue.

12 Q. And did you take them to a home, a restaurant or --

13 A. It was a home.

14 Q. Do you know whose home?

15 A. I don't know the man.

16 Q. What was your understanding as to why they wanted to  
17 go to this home?

18 A. I guess they were trying to get another rental car.

19 MR. FELSON: Objection. Speculation.

20 THE WITNESS: No, it's not speculation. They --

21 THE COURT: Wait. Wait. I need to rule on that.

22 Ms. Cross, you want to respond to the objection?

23 MS. CROSS: I asked her what was her

24 understanding. I'll lay a foundation for that

25 understanding now, Your Honor.



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1 THE COURT: All right.

2 BY MS. CROSS:

3 Q. Did either defendant Tyreese or Walter say anything  
4 about why they wanted to go there?

5 A. They wanted me to drop them off, and they were going  
6 to get another-- they wanted to go to a room. They wanted  
7 me to find somebody to get them a hotel room and get them a  
8 rental car.

9 Q. When you took them to this house in Mt. Healthy --

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. -- what happened?

12 A. I stayed for a few minutes. They wanted something to  
13 eat. I then, me and Stephanie, went and got them something  
14 to eat. I returned. I brought the food back. I talked to  
15 him, Walter, for a second, and he told me I had to leave  
16 and find somebody to rent a car or rent a room for them.

17 Q. Now, the items that were transferred from the Cadillac  
18 to your car --

19 A. Um-hum.

20 Q. -- what happened to those items?

21 A. Some stuff they took out. I don't know everything  
22 they took out, but some stuff they did take out.

23 Q. What happened after you left the house?

24 A. I went back to my house, and, well, I was with a  
25 couple of my friends, and I just was deciding on what to do

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1 basically.

2 Q. And in deciding what to do, did you come up with  
3 something to do?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Tell the ladies and gentlemen of the jury what you  
6 did?

7 A. I called a friend, officer.

8 Q. An officer of the Hamilton Police Department?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And which officer did you call; do you remember?

11 A. Officer Jackson.

12 Q. And Ms. Holston --

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. -- what did you tell Officer Jackson? Please tell the  
15 ladies and gentlemen of the jury.

16 A. That I knew where he was.

17 Q. And I see you're crying. Did you want to do that?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Why did you do that, ma'am?

20 A. Because I did not want to go get in any trouble for  
21 what this man had done, and I knew it was wrong, and what  
22 he did was wrong, even though I thought I loved him.

23 MR. ANDREWS: Objection.

24 THE COURT: Overruled.

25 MS. CROSS: Your Honor, may the witness be given

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1 some Kleenex?

2 THE COURT: There is some right there.

3 MS. CROSS: Oh, thank you.

4 A. I knew I had to tell.

5 Q. Ms. Holston, after you spoke with officer Jackson and  
6 told him where Walter was, what happened?

7 A. I met up with them.

8 Q. With the police?

9 A. With the Hamilton police and Officer Detective  
10 Calhoun, and they told me they were going to take me to the  
11 Hamilton County Sheriff's jurisdiction because they were  
12 out of the area.

13 Q. And did you go there to the Hamilton sheriff's office?

14 A. Yes, I did.

15 Q. With Detective Calhoun?

16 A. Yeah. I drove my car.

17 Q. Did he meet you there?

18 A. Well, I guess one was in front of me, and the other  
19 people, they were all behind me.

20 Q. So they escorted you?

21 A. Escorted me basically.

22 Q. When you arrived at the Hamilton Sheriff's  
23 Department -- Hamilton County Sheriff's Department, what  
24 happened there?

25 A. They basically asked me what I knew about them, what

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1 they had on them, asked me to describe the house to them,  
2 because I had been in the house. And they asked me to call  
3 him again, because, in between time, I was still calling  
4 him because he was paging me, because I was supposed to  
5 come back down there.

6 Q. The defendant Walter Pugh was paging you?

7 A. Yes. So they had asked me to make a call to him.

8 Q. In response to the page?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Did you do that?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Do you recall whether or not the calls that you made  
13 to Walter were recorded?

14 A. One.

15 MS. CROSS: At this time, Your Honor, I would  
16 like to show Ms. Holston Government Exhibit Number 22.

17 THE COURT: What is 22?

18 MS. CROSS: Tape, audio tape.

19 BY MS. CROSS:

20 Q. Ms. Holston, do you recognize Government Exhibit  
21 Number 22?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. What is it?

24 A. It's a tape that they made.

25 Q. Have you listened to that?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And did you recognize the voices on that tape?

3 A. Um-hum. It's me and Walter.

4 Q. And based on your recollection of the call, does that  
5 tape, what's on that tape, accurately reflect the  
6 conversation that you had with Walter Pugh?

7 A. Yes.

8 MS. CROSS: Your Honor, at this time, I would  
9 move to have Government Exhibit Number 22 moved into  
10 evidence.

11 MR. WALTER PUGH: No objection.

12 MR. FELSON: I'm going to -- I'm not going to  
13 object at this moment, but I certainly want my right to  
14 object for the future. I haven't heard it yet.

15 THE COURT: You haven't heard it? Didn't the  
16 government provide it in discovery?

17 MR. FELSON: We're going to listen to it now,  
18 right.

19 THE COURT: But didn't the government provide it  
20 in discovery?

21 MR. FELSON: They did. But I'm assuming this is  
22 the same one, and I'm assuming it's complete. That's all.

23 THE COURT: The objection is overruled, if there  
24 was one. I'm not sure if there was or not. And Government  
25 Exhibit 22 will be admitted and may be displayed to the

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1 jury.

2 MS. CROSS: Thank you, Your Honor. If I may have  
3 the exhibit, Your Honor, we would like to play it at this  
4 time.

5 THE COURT: Do you need any assistance?

6 MS. CROSS: This is my equipment, so I hope not.  
7 Thank you, Your Honor.

8 (Exhibit number 22, an audio tape, was played for  
9 the Court and jury.)

10 BY MS. CROSS:

11 Q. Ms. Holston, you just heard the audio tape of the  
12 conversation you had with Walter Pugh; is that correct?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Just a couple of things about that, questions. We  
15 heard Walter talking about washing \$100,000. Tell the --  
16 explain to the ladies and gentlemen of the jury what that  
17 was about, your understanding.

18 A. Like he said on the tape, make it clean I guess.

19 Q. Where did your grandparents live?

20 A. In Arkansas.

21 Q. In Arkansas. Is that where you two were going to go?

22 A. No. I wasn't going nowhere. My grandparents are in  
23 the process of moving back up here. They have been down  
24 there 15 years, and they're bringing it back up here. And  
25 he knew that they were trying to sell their house.

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1 Q. Ms. Holston, have you ever seen -- have there ever  
2 been any guns at your house?

3 A. Yes.

4 MR. FELSON: Sorry. I couldn't hear.

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. What type of guns have been at your house?

7 A. Shotgun, .45, .9, .22's.

8 Q. When you say 9 and 22 and 45, are you talking about  
9 caliber?

10 A. I don't know too much about guns, but those were the  
11 names.

12 Q. You say 9, do you mean 9 millimeter?

13 A. 9 millimeter.

14 Q. And how did those guns get into your house; do you  
15 know?

16 A. All different kinds of ways. I don't know.

17 Q. Have you ever seen Walter Pugh with any guns in your  
18 house?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. I would like to show you Government Exhibits 10 and  
21 11.

22 MS. CROSS: Thank you, Mr. Snyder.

23 Q. Ms. Holston, before you is Government Exhibit Number  
24 10. That's a shotgun in front of you. Do you recognize  
25 that?

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1 A. Um-hum.

2 Q. Have you seen it in your house before?

3 A. Um-hum.

4 MR. FELSON: What?

5 A. Yes. Yes. Yes.

6 Q. And when you saw it in your house, who did you see it  
7 with?

8 A. Junior had it.

9 Q. What about the other, Government Exhibit Number 11?  
10 It's the revolver.

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Have you seen that in your house?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Did you see Walter with that?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Have you ever seen him use either of those guns?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Which one?

19 A. This one he shot out back.

20 MR. FELSON: Which one?

21 A. This one here.

22 Q. Government Exhibit Number 10, the shotgun?

23 A. Yes. Out back in our backyard. And I'm not sure if  
24 this is the -- Exhibit 11 is the exact gun that where we  
25 have a hole in our living room or my living room. It's a



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1 hole, but I have heard another one before.

2 Q. Do you own any guns?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Are these your guns?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Government Exhibit Number 10, the shotgun, when you  
7 saw it in your house, did you see it in that condition?

8 A. Not at first.

9 Q. In what condition -- how is it different?

10 A. The handle's sawn off.

11 Q. So the stock of it, you seen it with the stock on it?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Do you know where that stock is?

14 A. In the garbage.

15 Q. How did it get in the garbage?

16 A. I threw it away.

17 Q. Who took it apart or sawed it off?

18 A. He did it on the side of our bed.

19 Q. Walter?

20 A. Yes.

21 MS. CROSS: Thank you, Ms. Holston. I realize  
22 this is difficult for you.

23 No further questions, Your Honor.

24 THE COURT: Let's take the morning break at this  
25 time. We'll stand in recess for 15 minutes.

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1 (Recess at 10:15 a.m.)

2 AFTER RECESS

3 CROSS-EXAMINATION

4 BY MR. FELSON:

5 Q. Ms. Holston, is that how I should address you?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Okay. Now, you were with Walter living, actually  
8 living with him up until March of this year?

9 A. Um-hum.

10 Q. But you did stay in contact with him after that?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And you know Tyreese is his son, right?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Now Walter has some other kids, too, doesn't he?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. How many kids does he have?

17 A. Three sons in all.

18 Q. You know how old they are?

19 A. Not actually how old they are. I think one's 18, and  
20 the other one's 25.

21 Q. And do you know how old Tyreese is?

22 A. Twenty-one, 22.

23 Q. Okay. And Walter's been around, I think -- did you  
24 grow up in Hamilton?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Walter's from there, too, as well?

2 A. I guess so, yes.

3 Q. When you were living together, did you have a lot of  
4 friends in Hamilton?

5 A. Friends, associates.

6 Q. Friends, associates, knew a lot of people?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Okay. Now, because you mentioned on that -- in that  
9 phone call about someone, you talked about someone you said  
10 "don't trust him," and I didn't know who you were talking  
11 about. You remember saying that?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Who were you talking about?

14 A. The guy that house he was at.

15 Q. You said "don't trust him"?

16 A. Um-hum. I said, "You don't trust him. You don't even  
17 know him." That's what I said.

18 Q. All right. Now, tell me a little bit about the  
19 shotgun. You said you saw this shotgun before and it had a  
20 handle on it?

21 A. Um-hum.

22 Q. Was that handle cut off? Did you see it cut off?

23 A. Yes, I did.

24 Q. Was that -- where were you living when it was cut off?

25 A. 433 Knightsbridge Drive.

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1 Q. And who were you living with?

2 A. Walter Pugh.

3 Q. So that was before this robbery?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Okay. So, in other words, that gun had -- didn't have  
6 any -- was the handle made of wood, or was it some sort  
7 of --

8 A. I don't know what it was made out of.

9 Q. But the point is it had no wood on it, at least since  
10 March or since you lived together with Walter, well before  
11 the robbery; is that right? It had no wood on it, right?  
12 Look at it now. It has no wood on it.

13 A. I guess, yes.

14 Q. Well, take a look at it.

15 A. What's wood? I don't know nothing about a gun to know  
16 what wood is on a gun.

17 Q. Like wood, like the -- you know, with the stock?

18 A. The handle, yeah, it was replaced. It was already  
19 removed.

20 Q. Okay. And but it looked just like it does now, no  
21 stock, no wood on it, right? We can show it to you again  
22 if you want to take a look at it. It's Exhibit 10.

23 You recall the stock that was on this gun?

24 A. Um-hum.

25 Q. Would you mind removing your hand so I can hear you?

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1 A. Yes, I do.

2 Q. And was it -- was the stock made out of -- was it a  
3 different color than that?

4 A. It was black.

5 Q. But the point I'm making is that that was removed well  
6 before the robbery took place, right?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Okay. That's all I have with that. Thank you. Now,  
9 you mentioned this was Walter's shotgun. You said  
10 "Junior," and Junior is Walter, right?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And you saw Walter shoot that shotgun, right?

13 A. Once before, yes.

14 Q. And also, well, Tyreese didn't live with you, did he?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Okay. And do you know who Tyreese's -- you mentioned  
17 Tyreese's girlfriend or at least girlfriend for some period  
18 of time. Her name is Ms. Luster?

19 A. Um-hum.

20 Q. Do you know Ms. Luster?

21 A. Um-hum.

22 Q. Could you answer yes or no?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And what's Ms. Luster's first name?

25 A. Stephanie.

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1 Q. All right. Now, Ms. Luster does not have a child with  
2 Tyreese; is that in my understanding?

3 A. No.

4 Q. But Tyreese does have a child with another woman?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And who's that woman?

7 A. Ra-Shay Patterson.

8 Q. Have you seen Ra-Shay Patterson out here today?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Now, are you aware that Ms. Luster visited Tyreese  
11 in -- when he was in Butler County Jail pursuant to this  
12 case?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Do you know whether -- have you ever seen the -- let's  
15 see -- I'm sorry -- Ms. Luster, the interactions between  
16 Ms. Luster and Ms. Patterson, do you know if they get along  
17 or not?

18 MS. CROSS: Objection. Relevance.

19 MR. FELSON: Motive.

20 MS. CROSS: As to who?

21 MR. FELSON: As to Ms. Luster's motive.

22 MS. CROSS: That's going beyond the scope of  
23 direct of this witness and what she's testified about.

24 MR. FELSON: I'm allowed to cross-examine her.

25 THE COURT: Not about things that weren't part of

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1 the direct examination. I mean, any area that's touched  
2 upon in direct you can, but that's a whole other area.

3 MS. CROSS: In addition, Your Honor, for the  
4 record, this line of questioning does not go to this  
5 witness' credibility.

6 MR. FELSON: Okay. Note my exception.

7 BY MR. FELSON:

8 Q. All right. Now, when you spoke on that -- when you  
9 spoke on that telephone call that we heard, you didn't hear  
10 Tyreese in there. Tyreese wasn't on that phone call, was  
11 he?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Okay. And as far as -- did you ever see -- Tyreese  
14 never made any statements to you admitting anything, did  
15 he?

16 A. No.

17 Q. And Walter never told you Tyreese did anything, did  
18 he?

19 A. Not specifically, no.

20 Q. And Walter never, or I mean -- let me ask it this way.  
21 You don't have any evidence from anything that you saw that  
22 Tyreese had possession of any money, any unusual amount of  
23 money?

24 A. Only thing was the clothes that was in the car; that's  
25 all I had.

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1 Q. There were some clothes in the car?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Did you witness the purchase of these clothes?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Did you witness the -- did you take -- what, did you  
6 look at all these clothes? Did you witness the size of  
7 them?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Were there any shoes in there?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Did you witness the size of the shoes?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Okay. Now, tell me about the shoes. Did the police  
14 come and get any of these shoes?

15 A. No. They were all, I guess, taken out of the house  
16 when they got arrested.

17 Q. All right. Okay. Now, did you see any unusual amount  
18 of money in Tyreese's possession at any time?

19 A. I don't know whose possession it was in.

20 Q. You saw some money?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. How much money?

23 A. The money that was referred to on the tape that was  
24 supposedly missing. I guess the amount was, what, \$800?

25 Q. You saw \$800?



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1 A. I don't know how much it was. It was just in a box.

2 Q. But it was -- but it was about -- you think it was  
3 about \$800?

4 A. I don't know. I don't know how much.

5 Q. Why do you think \$800?

6 A. I don't know how much it was. That's the amount that  
7 was mentioned in the tape that he was missing, if you don't  
8 recall.

9 Q. All right. And as I recall, he didn't mention  
10 Tyreese's name in that tape at all?

11 A. No, he did not.

12 Q. All right. Did you ever ask about Tyreese?

13 A. No, I don't think so. I don't recall.

14 Q. Do you know what residence they were at when you  
15 called? Did you call him, or did he call you?

16 A. Do I know the residence? It's the residence I took  
17 them to.

18 Q. Did you call them at that residence?

19 A. Yes, I did.

20 Q. How did you know the phone number?

21 A. Because Junior had been paging me from that number.

22 Q. Junior, meaning Walter?

23 A. Walter, excuse me, yes.

24 Q. Okay. And the address that was affiliated with that  
25 phone number, how were you aware of that?

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1 A. I didn't know the address. I just knew how to get to  
2 the house.

3 Q. Okay. All right. Now, when you dropped them off at  
4 the house, who was -- did they just get back from out of  
5 town when you dropped them off?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. How did you know they had just got back from out of  
8 town? You weren't with them, right?

9 A. Right, I was not with them, but he called me the whole  
10 night before, and, when he got back into town, he went to  
11 my parents' house, and, after he left my parents' house, he  
12 came to Hamilton and called me.

13 Q. Did you see him at your parents' house?

14 A. No, but my baby did, and my father did, too. They  
15 talked to him.

16 Q. Okay. All right. But they weren't with him out of  
17 town, were they? They only know that he might have been at  
18 their house, right? I'm just trying to get -- trying to  
19 understand what you saw and heard. Okay. You didn't see  
20 and hear them out of town. You just know because of the  
21 phone call you received, right, or some pages that you  
22 received, right?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Okay. And when you receive a page, that has a phone  
25 number attached to it?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And you can tell whether that phone number is from out  
3 of town?

4 A. No. He didn't page me from out of town. He called me  
5 from out of town with an area code 404. You know what  
6 caller ID is?

7 Q. Yes.

8 A. It says the area Atlanta, Georgia, or whatever part of  
9 Georgia they were in.

10 Q. Was that from his cell phone?

11 A. No. He doesn't have a cell phone.

12 Q. He doesn't have a cell phone?

13 A. No. He didn't at the time.

14 Q. Okay. All right. So, did any of these phone calls  
15 include Tyreese?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Was his number on anywhere or his name mentioned at  
18 all?

19 A. Name, yes. Number, he didn't have a number.

20 Q. All right. Now, so they came up here. You're saying  
21 that they got here on -- what was it? May 3rd, May 2nd or  
22 May 3rd?

23 A. I don't know exactly what day it was. I know the day.

24 Q. Was it the day that they were arrested?

25 A. A week later, a week later they left.

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1 Q. Was it the day they were arrested?

2 A. When they came back?

3 Q. Yes.

4 A. I guess, yes.

5 Q. Okay. And do you know the day they were arrested?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. What date was that?

8 A. I don't know the date.

9 Q. You know the day of the week?

10 A. Wednesday, late Wednesday, early Thursday, I believe.

11 Q. Okay. Now, this other woman, Ms. Luster, you're  
12 saying was with them, right?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And she had just got back in town, too, from the best  
15 of your knowledge?

16 A. Yes, from the best of my knowledge.

17 Q. Do you know where they were, what cities they went to  
18 before they got back from out of town?

19 A. No.

20 Q. All you saw, what, one phone number from Atlanta?

21 A. A few phone numbers. I don't have my telephone paper  
22 to let you know all the phone numbers, but, yes, there was  
23 a few phone numbers from Atlanta.

24 Q. Any other cities?

25 A. No. Kentucky on the way back, to let me know he was

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1 closer.

2 Q. Okay. And, during any of these calls, did you talk to  
3 Tyreese?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Did you talk to Ms. Luster at all?

6 A. When she got back into town.

7 Q. When she got back, did you talk to her?

8 A. When they got in the car.

9 Q. Okay. But that's all?

10 A. That's it.

11 Q. Do you know who went down to Atlanta?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Did you know who was in the car?

14 A. No.

15 MR. FELSON: All right. That's all I've got.

16 THE COURT: Mr. Pugh or Mr. Andrews?

17 CROSS-EXAMINATION

18 BY MR. WALTER PUGH:

19 Q. Ms. Holston, how you doing? How you doing?

20 A. I'm fine.

21 Q. Ms. Holston, how long was you and the defendant Walter  
22 Pugh, Jr. together?

23 A. Again, from August, 2000, to March, 2002.

24 Q. And between that time, did the two of you ever travel  
25 a lot?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Was there any shopping during that time of traveling?

3 A. Some. Most of the shopping we did was in D.C. We did  
4 some when we were at my grandma's.

5 Q. Where is that?

6 A. My grandma's?

7 Q. Yes. For the record.

8 A. Arkansas.

9 Q. Ms. Holston, did Walter Pugh's company keep him out of  
10 town working a lot with his own crew?

11 A. Excuse me?

12 Q. Did the accused Walter Pugh, Jr. company keep him out  
13 of town working a lot with his own crew?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Can you recall traveling out of state with the  
16 defendant Walter Pugh, Jr. to collect over \$300,000 for his  
17 company?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. When the company had Walter Pugh, Jr. out of state or  
20 town, did you stay at any motel that he stayed at? Did you  
21 travel and stay with him?

22 A. Um-hum, yes.

23 Q. Ms. Holston, why did you deliver Walter Pugh, Jr.  
24 personal belongings to him at that address in Mt. Healthy?

25 A. Because you wanted me to.

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1 Q. Did you deliver any guns there?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Did you happen to see any guns when you was there?

4 A. You took the guns out of the car.

5 Q. Did you see the guns when you was there?

6 A. Not after they had been taken into the house, no.

7 Q. Who helped you bring the clothes into the house, the  
8 personal belongings?

9 A. When?

10 Q. The day that you delivered them to Mt. Healthy to the  
11 house.

12 A. I don't remember. I don't even know who they were.

13 Q. You don't know who helped you?

14 A. No. You.

15 Q. Did Tyreese help you?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Did I help you?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Ms. Holston, you stated to this here Court that the  
20 last time you talked to me was April the 23rd, I believe,  
21 the day before the bank robbery?

22 A. The day before the bank robbery?

23 Q. Yes.

24 A. I don't know. I didn't talk to you that day before,  
25 but I talked to you within that week.

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1 Q. But you stated to the Court you talked to me every  
2 day, I talked to you every day, I come out every day.

3 A. I said you kept in touch still.

4 Q. Was I in touch with you the day before the robbery?

5 A. Not the day before. Maybe a day like before the day  
6 before, yes.

7 Q. You stated on the record, too, Ms. Holston, that you  
8 called Bessie Pugh on the 25th and indicated that you seen  
9 something in the paper indicating her car?

10 A. Um-hum.

11 Q. In this here report from Detective Calhoun, did you  
12 tell Officer Jackson of the Hamilton police you called him  
13 on April 24th, the day of the robbery, and told him that  
14 Walter Pugh, Jr. is the one that robbed the bank?

15 A. No. The day of the robbery, no. I didn't know then  
16 that you had actually done it.

17 Q. That I had done it? Did you call and tell them that  
18 Walter Pugh, Jr. robbed the bank on the 25th?

19 A. No.

20 Q. It's right here in his report. Ms. Holston, do you  
21 know if the defendant Walter Pugh, Jr. have tried to  
22 contact you since he's been locked up on this crime here?

23 A. No, I don't know. There is no way that you can get in  
24 contact with me.

25 Q. Have the government convinced you not to contact the



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1 defendant -- wait. Excuse me. Have you tried to contact  
2 the defendant?

3 A. No.

4 Q. So we haven't had no communication whatsoever since  
5 April the -- May the 3rd, correct?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Ms. Holston, will it be fair to tell the Court the  
8 defendant Walter Pugh, Jr. hurted you tremendously by  
9 leaving you for another; therefore, it's in your interest  
10 to help destroy -- wrongfully help destroy him by any means  
11 necessary?

12 A. No. I'm not wrongfully destroying you for you leaving  
13 me for another. I'm wrongfully destroying you for the  
14 wrong you have done, not just to me within the past two  
15 years, but to what you just did in this incident.

16 Q. So you --

17 A. I don't need -- I don't need to go into everything  
18 wrong you have done towards me, or do I?

19 Q. So you saying you done that because it was -- you feel  
20 I done something, so you saying it was wrong, so that's why  
21 you saying you called Officer Jackson and indicated to him  
22 my name and my sister's car?

23 A. Because you done something wrong, yes.

24 Q. So that gave you the right to -- you said you gave  
25 him -- you called him and told him that you believed that

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1 Bessie Pugh's car is the car that done the robbery?

2 A. Did I call and say that? Yes, I did.

3 Q. You just stated that you did not call him on the 25th,  
4 Ms. Holston. It's right here on record. I asked you --

5 A. I called him and let him know.

6 Q. I just asked you, Ms. Holston, it's on the record. I  
7 said I have it right here.

8 A. I didn't call him at the time I called your sister.

9 No, I didn't. I called your sister before I even called  
10 him.

11 Q. That's the same day, Ms. Holston, the same day. It's  
12 right here on record. I asked you it's the same day. Yes.  
13 Is it the same day?

14 A. No, it's not the same day.

15 Q. According to the record, it is. It's got to be. The  
16 same day that you called Bessie Pugh, Bessie Pugh went to  
17 the police station.

18 MS. CROSS: Your Honor, is he asking a question  
19 or arguing with the witness?

20 THE COURT: Yes. Mr. Pugh, you need to ask a  
21 question.

22 MR. WALTER PUGH: Yes, ma'am.

23 BY MR. WALTER PUGH:

24 Q. Ms. Holston, on April the 25th, did you call Bessie  
25 Pugh on her job and tell her to look at the newspaper?

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1 A. Yes, I did. I stated this before. I called her  
2 because I had thought of everything that had been done and  
3 said and people calling me. I called after I looked into  
4 the newspaper, asked her if she had got her car back,  
5 because, like I said, you had her car for a while.

6 Q. And after that, you called Agent Jackson, correct?

7 A. Not the same day.

8 Q. Excuse me. What about the day after that?

9 A. Yes. And then he asked me if I had heard anything  
10 from you, and I told him no, but if I did hear anything  
11 from you to let them know.

12 Q. Ms. Holston, you was convicted and sentenced to serve  
13 two years at the Marysville Penitentiary --

14 A. No. One year.

15 THE COURT: You've got to let him finish the  
16 question. Okay?

17 Q. -- Penitentiary for Women. One year? Your crime  
18 history is what connected you to the Hamilton Police  
19 Department with polluted justice and conspiracy, Ms.  
20 Holston. This is what this is.

21 THE COURT: You have got to ask her a question,  
22 Mr. Pugh. This is not closing argument.

23 MR. WALTER PUGH: Okay.

24 BY MR. WALTER PUGH:

25 Q. Ms. Holston --

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Who gave you -- wait a minute. My Cadillac was  
3 impounded May the 2nd by the Hamilton Police Department and  
4 the FBI, VIN number 1G6CD5155K42805711, plate's number  
5 BB64AF registered to Walter Pugh, Jr.

6 THE COURT: Is that a question?

7 MR. WALTER PUGH: No.

8 Q. My question to you is: Who authorized you -- who  
9 authorized you the authority to sign and get my car out of  
10 impound?

11 A. Junior, Walter, I already had the title and a set of  
12 keys to the car. You had already signed it over for other  
13 purposes, and, once you got locked up and they took the  
14 car, that's when I got my car back. They gave it back to  
15 me. I don't understand what this has to do with it.

16 Q. Ms. Holston, haven't you been convicted for forgery?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Isn't it a proven fact that you stated earlier that we  
19 have had no communication? When did I authorize you the  
20 authority to go and get my car out of impound and illegally  
21 put your name, forged my signature, forged my signature on  
22 that title and remove it?

23 A. It was already done before you had left. I still  
24 had -- I had stuff before you had left a long time ago. I  
25 had keys and a title. How would I have this information?

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1 That's what I -- I mean. And talking about forgery, I do  
2 believe every check that you have gotten damn near I have  
3 signed for you, signed and cashed your checks. Matter of  
4 fact, I cashed your sister's security checks you got this  
5 year, right, social security, whatever, or state checks  
6 every year. Didn't I cash that?

7 Q. Are you asking me a question?

8 A. Yes. I'm asking you a question talking about forgery.

9 THE COURT: All right. I have given you some  
10 latitude, but we're not going to turn this into domestic  
11 relations court. If you have anything else to ask about  
12 the case, Mr. Pugh, about the alleged incident, you can ask  
13 that. You can ask about what's involved in this case, but  
14 that's it.

15 And let me just ask you, just try to answer the  
16 question asked. Okay?

17 THE WITNESS: Okay.

18 THE COURT: Thank you.

19 BY MR. WALTER PUGH:

20 Q. Ms. Holston, my title and everything stayed in my  
21 glove department. My title, my birth certificate, my  
22 social security card, my wallet, all disappeared.  
23 Detective Calhoun went there when he impounded my car. He  
24 stated that there was no such thing in my glove department,  
25 all disappeared. How did you get it?

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1 A. I had it. I had it. I had the title and the keys,  
2 Junior, Walter. Everything I had before, because there was  
3 no way I had access to the car.

4 Q. On May the 16th, I sent my sister to get that title  
5 out of that car, because the title was in there,  
6 Ms. Holston.

7 A. On May 16th, you sent your sister to call me for keys  
8 and the title to the car. She called me for both.

9 Q. No.

10 A. I don't understand this.

11 THE COURT: All right. I think you have asked  
12 all the questions about the car that you could possibly  
13 ask. You want to move on to another area, Mr. Pugh?

14 BY MR. WALTER PUGH:

15 Q. Did you make any deal with the government, Ms.  
16 Holston, to not be prosecuted and in return they gave you  
17 the title and everything?

18 A. Deal for what? No.

19 Q. For anything?

20 A. No.

21 Q. The government have accused me and my son of taking  
22 \$153,189 and one penny. When you seen me, did you see such  
23 money? Did you see any money, Ms. Holston?

24 A. I just seen a couple dollars in -- I mean, it was more  
25 than a couple dollars, but it was a whole bunch of

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1 hundreds, just dollars bunched up in a box. That's all I  
2 seen.

3 Q. Did you see any 10's, 20's or what?

4 A. I seen a lot of one's, a couple 10's and a couple  
5 20's.

6 Q. And the testimony that you have gave here today is  
7 honest. I'm saying, the testimony you gave here today is  
8 honest to the best of your ability, right?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And you said you called the police because you wanted  
11 to do what was right, right?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. You said you tired of doing what's wrong, correct?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And you haven't done no wrong since you been from the  
16 penitentiary, correct?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. Ms. Holston, where do you live at?

19 A. 433 Knightsbridge.

20 Q. And how -- what is your financial resources coming  
21 from?

22 A. My parents now.

23 Q. Your parents. You not on government funds or anything  
24 like that?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. And what are you receiving this money from, for?

2 A. Going to school.

3 Q. They giving you money to go to school?

4 A. Every -- I have a child, and government social -- what  
5 is it? Welfare, they give you money when you have  
6 children, don't work and go to school.

7 Q. Where do your child go to school at?

8 A. She lives in Fairfield.

9 Q. Teia living with you, right?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. But she go to school in Fairfield?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. You live in Hamilton, and she go to school in  
14 Fairfield. Is that doing what's right? You live in  
15 Hamilton.

16 THE COURT: Mr. Pugh, I think you need to ask a  
17 question.

18 Q. You live in Hamilton, Ohio, and --

19 A. For the better education of my child, I'd rather her  
20 go to Fairfield Schools than Hamilton City Schools, yes.  
21 Hamilton City does not compare to Fairfield City Schools,  
22 and I want the best for my child.

23 Q. Is not that illegal?

24 A. No, not when you have signed papers, not when you have  
25 done the afroda -- what is it -- the afrodat, after you



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1 have done that for the school system, no, it's not illegal.

2 Q. But you're getting government funds for her?

3 A. Because she lives with me, but she goes to Fairfield.

4 Q. That's two different cities, Ms. Holston.

5 THE COURT: Mr. Pugh, I think you have exhausted  
6 that topic as well.

7 MR. WALTER PUGH: Okay.

8 BY MR. WALTER PUGH:

9 Q. Ms. Holston, are you still going to college?

10 A. Yes, I am.

11 Q. How many colleges have been going to since you been  
12 out to get your state paper?

13 A. Two or three.

14 Q. How many have you been kicked out of, Ms. Holston?

15 A. One.

16 Q. What was you kicked out for?

17 A. Huh?

18 Q. What was you kicked out for?

19 A. Almost getting ready to get in a fight.

20 Q. Was you exported or what?

21 A. No. Just asked to leave the school.

22 Q. Was the polices involved?

23 A. They came because I made a threat.

24 MR. WALTER PUGH: Thank you, Ms. Holston.

25 Thank you, Judge.

REDIRECT EXAMINATION

1 THE COURT: Any redirect examination?

2 MS. CROSS: Just one question, Your Honor.

3 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

4 BY MS. CROSS:

5 Q. Ms. Holston, you have met with myself, Mr. Thapar and  
6 Special Agent Terry Moran, FBI, correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And what did we basically tell you to do when you came  
9 to court?

10 A. To come and do the right thing and tell the truth no  
11 matter what.

12 MS. CROSS: Thank you. Nothing else, Your Honor.

13 THE COURT: Anything further, Mr. Felson?

14 MR. FELSON: No.

15 THE COURT: Anything further, Mr. Pugh?

16 MR. WALTER PUGH: No, ma'am. Thank you.

17 THE COURT: Thank you, Ms. Holston. The Court  
18 appreciates your coming here today, and you are excused.

19 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

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21 C E R T I F I C A T E

22 I, Betty J. Schwab, the undersigned, do  
23 hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct  
24 transcript from the record of the proceedings in  
25 the above-entitled matter.

  
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